

Elk – HD 455



Draft Changes for 2022-2023 Hunting Regulations:

Remove Deer/Elk HD 455 from the 900-20 archery elk permit bundle and replace with Deer/Elk HD 455 specific, either-sex, archery-only permits. The change would begin with establishing a quota of 100 permits and a quota range of 50-150 permits.

Biological Implications:

In the Elk Management Plan, the chapter for the Devil's Kitchen Elk Management Unit encompassing Deer/Elk HD's 445 and 455 describes objectives for managing for older age class bull elk.

Establishing limited archery permits with a separate, annually adjustable quota, used in conjunction with existing 'rifle and archery' permits will allow FWP to better manage antlered elk harvest.

Social Implications:

The Devil's Kitchen Working Group has expressed support for maintaining a high number of bull elk and older bull elk in the elk management unit.

In 2019, public support was received for the change to include Deer/Elk HD 455 in the 900-20 archery permit bundle.